

Good morning.

My name is Jayna Velez-Molina, Esq. I am resident of 228 Carriage Way, Windsor, CT. I am asking that you please vote NO on the proposal of this inhumane bill HB5263. As the owner of two domesticated rabbits, I understand how sensitive and vulnerable these animals are. They require alot of attention, love, space, and care. Rabbits should NOT be farmed for slaughter as they are very intelligent and can easily feel when they are in danger. Rabbits are amazing as pets. Both of my rabbits are litter-trained, they love to be petted and enjoy socializing with my cats. They are free Roam which means they are NOT caged and so they have access to all parts of my home. I understand that rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats. I belong to several rabbit owner groups such as Rabbit House Network and I have learned so much about rabbits through these groups. A plethora of cosmetic companies no longer test on animals and have become cruelty free because of the pressure of the public and the realization that these animals were suffering immense cruelty. I only shop for cruelty-free products and it would greatly upset me if I lived in state that practiced cruelty towards rabbits. Rabbits do not deserve to be farmed for human consumption, just like they do not deserve to be caged for testing. Vote no because you know it is the right thing to do. We must protect rabbits, just like we protect our dogs and cats due to the love we have for them as our companions. Rabbits are my companions and I won't stand for this bill or any other legislation that aims to hurt them.

Thank you,
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